3. Sod. PAS	834 mg	Tabs.	3.34 gm. Granules.
Isonicotinic Acid Hydrazide	25 mg		1.00 mg
4. Isoniazid	300 mg	Tabs.	
Thioacetazine	150 mg		
5. Rifampicin	150 mg		
Isoniazid	100 mg		
Pyrazinamide	500 mg		

Opening of C.G.H.S. Homoeopathic Dispensary in North Avenue, New Delhi

2119. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of demands received from Members of Parliament for opening of a C.G.H.S. Homoeopathic Dispensary in North Avenue area, New Delhi;

(b) the action taken on these demands;

(c) the reasons for not opening any Homoeopathic dispensary in North Avenue area till date; and

(d) by when it is likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) One request has been received for opening of Homoeopathic dispensary/unit in North Avenue during 1988. However, it is not proposed to open a Homoeopathic dispensary/unit in North Avenue as the residents of this locality are availing the Homoeopathic facilities from South Avenue Homoeopathic Unit.

Testing of Anti-Cancer Drugs

2120. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No. 790 given in Rajya Sabha on 28th February, 1989 and state:

(a) how many samples of anti-cancer medicines were drawn for test during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what was the name of each cancer drug and what was the name of Laboratory where it was tested;

(c) what was the report of each and whether any formulation was found of sub-standard quality;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what are the names of anti-cancer drugs and formulations being manufactured in the country and how much quantity with value was imported of each during last three years, year-wise alongwith name of importers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) Testing facilities to test anti-cancer drugs are not available in the country. Since these are highly Cytotoxic drugs, most of the anti-cancer formulations are coming from reputed manufacturers from abroad and so there is no reason to suspect their quality.

(e) Information regarding quantitative production of drugs is monitored by the Director General of Technical Development, Ministry of Industry. Import of some of the anti-cancer drugs and formulations as available with this Ministry during the last 3 years is announced. [See Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 121]

Marketing of Nandrolene and Testoterone

2121. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nandrolene and Testosterone are allowed for marketing in the country;

(b) what are the diseases for which these drugs are used;

(c) what are the side effects as well as hazardous effects of these drugs;

(d) whether it is a fact that finished medicines are available freely without prescriptions in the market;

(e) whether it is a fact that neither any warning nor any precaution is mentioned on the label;

(f) whether it is also a fact that these drugs are misused; and

(g) if so, the steps taken to safeguard the consumer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Nandrolone is used in chronic debilitating diseases particularly in old patients, Osteoporosis, convalescence from surgery etc. Testosterone is used in Male hypogonadal disorders endocrine impotence, osteoporosis due to androgen deficiency.

(c) The possible side-effects reported due to the administration of these drugs are Nitrogen retention, increased skeletal weight, sodium and water retention, Oedema, increased vascularity of the skin hyperkalemia and increased growth of the bone.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Precautions warning for a prescription like drug like Nandrolone, Testosterone are given in package insert|promotional literature and not on the lebal.

(f) The Government has not received any report of their misuse.

(g) Does not arise.

Marketing of Caffeine and Tonics

2122. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Caffeine in Tonics is allowed for marketing;

(b) what is the advantage of Caffeine in Tonics;

(c) what are the considerations on which Caffeine has been allowed to be used;

(d) the names of leading brands of Tonics containing Caffeine; and

(e) what are the indications for which such combinations are used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Caffeine is stated to have a stimulant effect in tonics.

(d) Santevini and Vitahext.

(e) The claimed function of tonics is to stimiulate appetite and to pro-